

Towns Around Federal Centers Planned for '85

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ARLINGTON — The creation of a new federal authority to help plan towns around government employment centers in areas outside the District of Columbia is part of the 1985 Plan for the National Capital Area, members of the Arlington Civic Federation were told last night.

Speaking at the group's annual banquet, at which John C. McComb was named the federation's outstanding delegate for 1966-67, was Charles Conrad, executive director of the National Capital Planning Commission.

CONRAD SAID, "After 1985, more and more government employment centers will be constructed in Virginia and Maryland.

"Until 1985, present plans call for 60 per cent of federal employees in this area to work in the District and 40 per cent to work in the surrounding region," he stated.

Conrad brought applause from the audience when he said the 1985 Plan also calls for "changing the Georgetown waterfront from a rendering area to a park area."

He added that "the most pressing problem facing local legislators and administrators in Arlington and the surrounding suburban areas is the need to effectively preserve the open spaces we now have."

THE PROPOSED 1985 Plan, Conrad stated, is divided into three areas. "One portion is a division of Washington into seven community areas with their schools, and fire and police protection. The second portion is systems. This would include the federal establishment, foreign missions, housing, schools, and fire and police departments."

Conrad said the third phase is regional — development in corridors out from the District and the creation of new towns.

TWENTY HEARINGS are presently being held on the proposed plan in the District, he stated. The final 1985 Plan should be released by the end of the year.

McComb was presented the Evening Star Cup during the federation's business meeting prior to Conrad's address.

A resident of Arlington since 1957, McComb is employed by the Central Intelligence Agency. During the current year he has served as secretary of the Arlington Civic Federation and has been the delegate to the federation from the Gulf Branch Civic Association since 1961.

McComb, his wife Fran, and their three children, Mary Margaret, 18; David, 15, and Alan, 10, reside at 3404 S. Utah St.

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CITIZEN HONORED — William Graham (left), president of the Arlington Civic Federation, presents the Evening Star Cup to John McComb,

who the Federation honored as its outstanding delegate. Mrs. McComb looks on.

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